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In re Application of: Oldham et al

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For: AUTOMATED METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR CONDUCTING
A CATTLE AUCTION

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Response to Office Action

1. This Response to Office Action is in response to the Office Action mailed April 27, 2006.
2. A Petition for Extension of Time for 3 months, and fee of \$510 is enclosed.

§103 Rejections

3. Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection of claims 1-43. The cited references do not teach the current invention.
4. The references of Morrisson and Cobb and Curkendall and Shkedy are not reasonably combined. Morrison describes online auctions. Curkendall relates to a method and apparatus for livestock data collection and management. Cobb relates to a method for encouraging purchasers of pets or other types of animals to register animals with a genealogical or breed registry. Shkedy describes systems and methods for providing a global bi-lateral buyer-driven system for creating binding contracts. Neither Cobb nor Shkedy relate to livestock auctions.